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SUBJECT: AHRAH INTERVIEW OF SIAD BARRE

1. DAILY AHRAH MAY 19 CARRIED INTERVIEW (DATE UNSPECIFIED
BUT WITHIN PAST WEEK) WITH SOMALI PRES SIAD BARRE.
AMONG HIGHLIGHTS:

2. ADEN SUMMIT MEETING. SIAD ADMITTED THAT, ON MARCH 20,
HE HAD ATTENDED SECRET SUMMIT MEETING I ADEN INCLUDING
ETHIOPIA'S MENGISTU, CASTRO, AND PDRY PRES SALIM RUBAYYI
'ALI. MEETING WAS CALLED TO RECONCILE SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN
DIFFERENCES, BUT "ETHIOPIAN INTRANSIGENCE" UNDERMINED
CASTRO'S EFFORTS. TA'IZ QUADRIPARTITE (SUDAN, YAR,
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PDRY, SOMALIA) SUMMIT THUS HELD TWO DAYS LATER, SIAD
TURNED DOWN CASTRO PROPOSAL OF PDRY-SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA
CONFEDERATION.

3. MENGISTU IN MOSCOW. JOINT SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE
AFTER MENGISTU VISIT "EXPECTED TO HAVE A BEARING" ON
SOVIET-SOMALI RELATIONS, SINCE USSR NOW PROVIDING ARMS

TO ETHIOPIA, "WHICH STILL OCCUPIES LARGE PART OF SOMALI TERRITORIES."

ETHIOPIA ALSO ASPIRES TO OBTAIN PORT ON SEA (UNSPECIFIED) AT OTHERS' EXPENSE. SOMALIA HAS INFORMED SOVIETS OF SOMALI ATTITUDES, "WITHOUT LOSING OUR TEMPER".

4. FOREIGN BASES IN SOMALIA. SIAD REITERATED SOMALI LINE THERE NO SOVIET NAVAL BASES IN SOMALIA, ONLY "NAVAL FACILITIES", AND SOMALIA PREPARED TO GIVE SAME FACILITIES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY PROVIDED THIS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH "LEGITIMATE NATURAL CHANNELS WHICH MAINTAIN SOMALI SOVERIEGNTY."

5. SOMALI-U.S. RELATIONS. SIAD OPINED THAT RELATIONS "NOT BAD NOT GOOD", BUT STRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT IT NOT IN SOMALIA'S INTEREST TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH EITHER SUPER-POWER. "MATTER DEPENDS ON USA. FROM OUR SIDE, WE ARE KEEN ON ESTABLISHING GOOD REALTIONS."

6. COMMENT: GOE OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIDED TO US FACT OF ADEN SUMMIT MEETING, BUT THIS FIRST TIME EMBASSY RECALLS OFFICIAL SOMALI CONFIRMATION OF CASTRO MEDIATION EFFORTS IN PDRY. SIAD APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CUATIOUS RE SOMALI-SOVIET RELATIONS, DESPITE FACT THAT A MORE STRONGLY WORDED CONDEMNTATION OF SOVIET AID TO ETHIOPIA WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED IN CAIRO.

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